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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda and annotations to the provisional agenda

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Interactions between the development of SMEs and of capital markets and banking systems:

   (a) Generation of domestic savings

   (b) Access to capital markets and other sources of financing

4. Identification of areas where technical cooperation in support of policy development to enhance the role of SMEs could be strengthened

5. Other business

6. Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Trade and Development Board.

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Election of officers

At its first session, the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Role of Enterprises in Development elected a Bureau consisting of a Chairman, five Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, on the understanding that it will remain in office during the entire duration of the life of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the second session was approved by the Ad Hoc Working Group at its first session.

Item 3: Interactions between the development of SMEs and of capital markets and banking systems:

(a) Generation of domestic savings

(b) Access to capital markets and other sources of financing

In order to facilitate consideration of item 3, the secretariat has prepared a report entitled "Issues concerning SMEs' access to finance" (TD/B/WG.7/6). The report analyses the financial requirements of SMEs, their sources of finance and the difficulties faced by them in securing access to finance, with reference to both the formal and informal financial sectors. It further discusses measures to enhance SMEs' access to finance.

Item 4: Identification of areas where technical cooperation in support of policy development to enhance the role of SMEs could be strengthened

With a view to expediting substantive discussions of agenda item 4 by the Ad Hoc Working Group, the secretariat has prepared a report entitled "Technical cooperation for policy development to enhance the role of small and medium-sized enterprises" (TD/B/WG.7/7).

The report discusses major issues in the areas of policy development to enhance the role of SMEs in the development process where technical cooperation may be strengthened. These include (i) the creation of favourable framework and market conditions for SME development; (ii) institutional support for SME development; (iii) promotion of inter-firm linkages and modernization of SMEs; and (iv) regional cooperation on SME development.

Item 5: Other business

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board

The Ad Hoc Working Group will submit a report on the results of its work to the Trade and Development Board.

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III. TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Monday 3 July	10 a.m.	Plenary: Opening of the session, followed by:
		Informal meeting:
		Item 3: Interactions between the development of SMEs and of capital markets and banking systems
	3 p.m.	idem
Tuesday 4 July	10 a.m.	idem
	3 p.m.	Informal meeting:
		Item 4: Identification of areas where technical cooperation in support of policy development to enhance the role of SMEs could be strengthened
Wednesday 5 July	10 a.m.	idem
	3 p.m.	idem
Thursday 6 July	10 a.m.	Conclusion of consideration of items 3 and 4 Item 5: Other business
	3 p.m.	No meeting, to allow time for the preparation of the draft report
Friday 7 July	10 a.m.	idem
	3 p.m.	Plenary: Action on items 3 and 4.
		Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the Board